

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont
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Wednesday Night Bible Study
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Articles of Faith (Part Seven)

There are 21 Articles of Faith, and they are:

- 1) The Scriptures. 2) The True GOD. 3) The Fall of Man. 4) GOD'S Purposes of Grace. 5) The way of Salvation. 6) The way Regeneration. 7) The way of Repentance. 8) The way of Faith. 9) The way of Justification. 10) The way of Adoption. 11) The way of Sanctification. 12) The Perseverance of Saints. 13) The Law and the Gospel. 14) A Gospel Church. 15) Christian Baptism. 16) The LORD'S Supper. 17) The Christian Sabbath. 18) Civil Government. 19) Righteous and Wicked. 20) The World to come. 21) Covenant

Our last study on the Articles of Faith was, The LORD'S Supper, The Christian Sabbath, The Civil Government. Now, let us study the final three Articles of Faith:

XIX. RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and sanctified by the Spirit of our GOD, are truly righteous in HIS esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are, in HIS sight, wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in this life and after death.

Malachi 3: 18 says, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth GOD and him that serveth him not." (Proverbs 12: 26; Isaiah 5: 20; Acts 10: 34-35; Romans 6: 16)

Romans 1: 17 says, "For therein is the righteousness of GOD revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The Just shall live by faith." (Habakkuk 2: 4; John 3: 36; Galatians 3: 11)

1 John 2: 29 says, "If ye know that HE is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of HIM." (1 John 3: 7; Romans 6: 18, 22)

1 John 5: 19 says, "And we know that we are of GOD, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." (Galatians 1: 4)

Galatians 3: 10 says, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." (Deuteronomy 27: 26; Jeremiah 11: 3; Psalm 10: 4)

Proverbs 14: 32 says, "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death." (Job 13: 15; Psalm 23: 4; 2 Corinthians 1: 9; 2 Timothy 4: 18)

XX. THE WORLD TO COME

We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day, JESUS CHRIST will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless sorrow, and the righteous to endless joy; and this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

1 Peter 4: 7 says, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Hebrews 1: 10-12; Matthew 24: 35; 1 John 2: 17; Matthew 28: 20)

Acts 1: 11 says, “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen HIM go into heaven.” (Revelation 1: 7; Hebrew 9: 28; Acts 3: 21)

Acts 24: 15 says, “And have hope toward GOD, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.” (Luke 14: 14; John 5: 28-29; John 6: 40; John 11: 25-26; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Acts 10: 42)

Matthew 13: 49 says, “So shall it be at the end of the world: The angels shall some forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.” (Matthew 13: 37-43; Matthew 24: 30-31)

Matthew 25: 46 “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.” (Daniel 12: 2; John 5: 29; Romans 2: 7)

Revelation 22: 11 “He that is unjust let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous let him be righteous still; and he that is holy let him be holy still.” (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10; Mark 9: 43-48; 2 Peter 2: 9)

2 Thessalonians 1: 6-12 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with GOD to recompense tribulation to who trouble you, and to you who are troubled, rest with us when HE shall come to be glorified in HIS saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.” (Hebrew 6: 1-2; 1 Corinthians 4: 5).

2 Peter 3: 11-12 “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and GODLINESS, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of GOD, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (1 Peter 1: 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 7; Psalm 50: 3)

XXI. COVENANT

Having been, as we trust, brought by divine grace to embrace the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and to give ourselves wholly to HIM, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other, to walk together in HIM, with brotherly Love, to HIS glory, as our common LORD. We do therefore, in HIS strength, engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, exhort, and admonish each other as occasion may require: That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public worship of GOD, and the ordinances of HIS house:

That we will not omit closet and family religion at home, nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children, and those under our care, for the service of JESUS CHRIST, and the enjoyment of heaven:

That, as we are the light of the world, and salt of the earth, we will seek divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win the souls of men: That we will cheerfully contribute of our property, according as GOD has prospered us, for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, for the support of the poor, and to spread the Gospel over the earth: That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of HIM who hath called us out of-darkness into HIS marvelous light.

**AND MAY THE GOD OF PEACE, WHO BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT, MAKE US PERFECT IN EVERY GOOD WORK, TO DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN US THAT WHICH IS WELL PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT THOUGH JESUS CHRIST; TOWHOM BE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER (HEBREWS 13: 20-24).
AMEN.**